(c) if not, whether reservation for physically handicapped in judicial service would be considered in consulation with the Chief Justice of India?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) Under article 235 of the Constitution of India, the administrative control over the members of Subordinate Judicial Service vests with the concerned High Court. Further, in exercise of powers conferred under proviso to article 309 read with articles 233 and 234 of the Constitution, the State Government frames rules and regulations in consultation with the High Court. The members of the State Judicial Service are governed by these rules and regulations.

Women Courts

2573. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have advised the States to constitute Women Courts to try cases pertaining to women; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of Gujarat, thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, as per the information furnished by High Court of Gujarat, as in January, 2002, there was no Women Court functioning in the State of Gujarat for disposal of cases pertaining to crime against women. The High Court had made a proposal in 1999 to the State Government to establish special courts in each District in the State for expeditious disposal of offences against women under different heads, like atrocity, essential commodities, corruption, etc. The proposal was still under examination of the State Government.

Shortfall in earnings of Shipping Industry

2574. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Shipping Industry is back in muddy waters;